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The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40, ANTELOPE VALLEY  
RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR FACILITIES PLANNING GRANT, CONSTRUCTION  
GRANT, AND CONSTRUCTION LOAN  
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5  
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY  
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40, ANTELOPE  
VALLEY:**

Adopt the enclosed Resolution that authorizes the Director of Public Works or his designee to:

1. Sign and file Facilities Planning Grant, Construction Grant, and State Revolving Fund Loan applications with the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) for the Antelope Valley Recycled Water Project (Project).
2. Negotiate and execute a loan or grant contract and any amendments or change orders thereto, and to certify loan or grant disbursement on behalf of the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley (District).

3. Certify that the District has and will comply with all applicable State and Federal statutory and regulatory requirements related to any grants or loans received.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of this action is to authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to apply for grant funding in the amount of \$45,000, which represents half of the total cost of the Facilities Planning Grant study, from the SWRCB for the Project. This action will also allow the Director of Public Works or his designee to apply for grant funding in the amount of \$5 million the maximum grant amount allowed under the State Recycled Water Construction Grant Program, and a loan in the amount of \$69 million from the SWRCB for the design and construction of the Project. The loan and grant applications for the Project are supported by the Cities of Lancaster and Palmdale, the County Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County (Sanitation Districts), the Rosamond Community Services District, the Palmdale Water District, and the Antelope Valley-East Kern Water Agency.

The District has established a recycled water program to increase the reliability of its water supplies. Recycled water is a reliable local resource that must be developed to meet future increased water demands and firm up the Antelope Valley's water supplies. This Project includes the design and construction of a distribution system to allow water from the reclamation plants operated by Sanitation Districts 14 and 20 to be used for nonpotable irrigation.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

These actions are consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Fiscal Responsibility by actively seeking grant funds and low-interest loans to augment the County's funding sources. It also satisfies the goal of Service Excellence by enhancing County services provided to the public.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

There will be no impact to the County's General Fund. The total estimated design and construction cost of the project is \$74 million. Funds for the preparation of the Facilities Planning Grant study are available in the District's Fiscal Year 2005-06 Accumulated Capital Outlay Fund (N64). Funds for repayment of any awarded loan amount for the Project will be budgeted in future years as fees are collected from developers. These fees were approved by your Board on May 24, 2005.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The District, a public water system formed pursuant to Division 16 of the California Water Code, has the legal authority to enter into a loan or grant contract with the State Water Resources Control Board per §55339 of the California Water Code. Furthermore, the District has the legal authority to acquire, maintain, and construct pipelines and other works and facilities necessary to supply recycled water pursuant to §55335 of the California Water Code.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

The authorization to sign and file Facilities Planning Grant, Construction Grant, and State Revolving Fund Loan applications does not require an environmental determination under the California Environmental Quality Act. An environmental review and the appropriate environmental document will be completed and submitted to your Board for adoption prior to entering any potential grant contracts for construction of the Project.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

There will be no negative impact on current County services or projects.

### **CONCLUSION**

Please return three adopted copies of this letter and three copies of the signed Resolution to Public Works, Waterworks and Sewer Maintenance Division.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD L. WOLFE  
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel  
Executive Office

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING SIGNATURE AND FILING OF  
FACILITIES PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION GRANT APPLICATIONS AND A  
STATE REVOLVING FUND LOAN APPLICATION FOR THE ANTELOPE VALLEY  
RECYCLED WATER SYSTEM FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS  
DISTRICT NO. 40, ANTELOPE VALLEY

WHEREAS, recycled water is one of the integrated water resource components needed to firm up the Antelope Valley's water supplies; and

WHEREAS, due to limited and unreliable water supplies that are currently available, recycled water is a local resource that must be developed to meet the projected increased water demands and to improve water supply reliability; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley (District), proposes to establish a recycled water program that will increase the reliability of the District's water supplies by decreasing reliance on imported water and local groundwater supplies; and

WHEREAS, the Urban Water Management Planning Act requires the District to optimize the use of recycled water in the District's service area, including actions to facilitate the installation of dual distribution systems, facilitate the increased use of treated wastewater that meets recycled water standards, and to overcome obstacles to achieving that increased use.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, as the governing body of the District does hereby authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to: 1) sign and file a Financial Assistance Application for a Facilities Planning Grant from the Board in the amount not to exceed \$45,000, to prepare a facilities plan for the Antelope Valley Recycled Water Project, 2) sign and file a Financial Assistance Application for a Construction Grant from the Board in the amount not to exceed \$5 million for the design and construction of the Antelope Valley Recycled Water Project, 3) sign and file a Financial Assistance Application for a State Revolving Fund Loan from the Board in the amount not to exceed \$69 million, for the design and construction of the Antelope Valley Recycled Water Project, 4) certify that the District has and will comply with all applicable State and Federal statutory and regulatory requirements related to loans or grants received, and 5) negotiate and execute a loan or grant contract and any amendments or change orders thereto, and to certify loan or grant disbursement on behalf of the District.

The foregoing Resolution was on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2005, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles as the governing body of the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley.

VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS  
Executive Officer of the  
Board of Supervisors of  
The County of Los Angeles

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.  
County Counsel

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy